

National Recreation and Preservation/Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities

JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE

Activity: Statutory or Contractual Aid for Other Activities
Subactivity: Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Commission

Program Component	1999 Estimate	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2000 Budget Request	Change From 1999 (+/-)
Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Commission	200	0	0	200	0
Total Requirements \$(000)	200	0	0	200	0

AUTHORIZATION

Public Law 103-449, the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor Act, 1994.

OVERVIEW

To provide NPS assistance and funding support to the State of Connecticut, its units of local and regional government, and citizens in the development and implementation of integrated cultural, historical, and recreational land resource management programs in order to retain, enhance, and interpret the significant features of the lands, water, and structures of the **Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley**.

APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
- Ib The National Park Service contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and associated values; management decisions about resources and visitors are based on adequate scholarly and scientific information.
- IIa Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
- IIb Park visitors and the general public understand and appreciate the preservation of parks and their resources for this and future generations.
- IIIa Natural and cultural resources are conserved through formal partnership programs.
- IIIb Through partnerships with other Federal, State, and local agencies and nonprofit organizations, a nationwide system of parks, open space, rivers, and trails provides educational, recreational, and conservation benefits for the American people.

***Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Commission
FY 1999 Estimated Program and Anticipated Accomplishments***

Enacted: \$200,000

Legislation establishing the Quinebaug and Shetucket Rivers Valley National Heritage Corridor encourages the Governor of the State of Connecticut to develop within two years a Cultural Heritage and Corridor Management Plan that will present a comprehensive approach to historic preservation, interpretation and development of recreational resources. The Cultural Heritage and Corridor Management Plan has been developed and: (1) includes an inventory of properties which could be preserved, restored, managed, developed, maintained, or acquired based upon their historic,

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cultural or recreational significance, (2) provides for development of a historic interpretation program to interpret the history of the corridor, (3) recommends an inventory of existing and potential recreational sites, (4) recommends application of appropriate resource management policies and techniques that are compatible with economic revitalization efforts, (5) detail ways and means to coordinate planning and management of the corridor by local, State, and Federal participants, and (6) outlines a program for implementation of the plan by the State.

The legislation further states that,...."Upon the request of the Governor, the Secretary [of the Interior] may take appropriate steps to assist in the preservation and interpretation of historic resources, and to assist in the development of recreational resources within the corridor." Federal funding may not exceed 50 percent of the total annual costs for the corridor program. In FY 1999, funding for the Quinebaug-Shetucket National Heritage Commission will be used to continue heritage preservation and interpretation activities and further development of recreational resources within the corridor.

Federal support of the commission is proposed to remain unchanged in FY 2000.